(b) if so, whether Government propose to constitute any committee to keep a watch on utilisation and misuse of this amount; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Funds under various schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are released either to the State Government or to the District Panchayats/District Rural Development Agencies.

(b) and (c) All the States and Union Territories have been advised to constitute Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at State, District and Block levels to supervise, exercise vigilance and monitor the implementation of various Programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development. Such Committees have been constituted at all the three levels in all the States.

Validity of forming construction committees to Implement rural development in Assam

858. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether formation of construction committee to implement various rural development works with few elected panchayats', representatives of ruling party as its members is permissible in Panchayati Raj institutions as now practiced in Assam;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken thereupon?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) In the absence of Panchayati Raj Institutions, the State Government implemented the schemes through committees at various levels involving officials, public representatives, stakeholders and beneficiaries. However, after the constitution of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, orders have been issued to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions in the implementation of the schemes strictly as per the Guidelines formulated for the programmes.